



# Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2021**

- WHEREAS,** *Each February, Black History Month is recognized nationally and serves as a time to honor the struggles and triumphs of people of African heritage over the most devastating obstacles. Maryland recognizes the many contributions of African Americans to our country and is proud to reinforce our commitment to be a nation of opportunity and hope for every citizen; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Black History Month also serves as an opportunity to celebrate the positive and lasting difference, as well as the legacy African Americans have made on behalf of our nation's cultural and political life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This observance acknowledges both past and present African and African American icons whose inspiring courage, sacrifices, and relentless efforts have sought to improve the quality of life for all in the name of justice, honor, and freedom for all; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During this time of commemoration and reflection, it is proper to recognize and congratulate all of the programs, partnerships, activities, and events that are taking place throughout the State of Maryland and the nation in observance of Black History Month.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR. GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 2021 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of February  
Two Thousand and twenty-one

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd H. Lathrop*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. W. W. W.*  
Secretary of State

